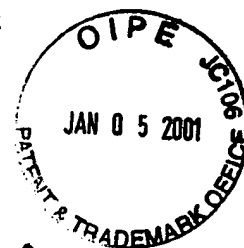


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is in response to the office communication dated December 27, 2000. Preliminary to the examination thereof, applicant requests entry of the accompanying amendments to the specification. In response to the communication and in anticipation of substantive examination, please make the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 1, please insert --TITLE--,

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--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of and priority to PCT Applications PCT/EP97/06907 filed December 10, 1997.

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Not applicable.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --;

Page 3, line 16, please insert --BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--,

line 23, please insert --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION;

Page 9, line 3, after "synthesis", insert ~~-(SEQ ID NOs: 3 and 4)--~~,

line 7, please delete "XI" and substitute therefor --X1--,

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Page 10: line 35, please delete "linker-pr-GCGA₅CGC-linker" and substitute therefor --
linker-pr-GCGAAAAACGC-linker --,


line 35, ¹⁹⁹ after "linker-pr-GCGA₅CGC-linker", insert --(SEQ ID NO: 2)--.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of the claimed invention. The amendments to the specification and description of the figures are to put the application in better form for examination. In all cases the amendments are supported by the specification. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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